

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 2-4 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 2002-298402 ("Nakamura").

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakamura in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0016597 to Haruguchi et al.

Claims 5 and 6 are allowed.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Claims 1-7 are pending for consideration. Claims 1, 2, and 7 are amended to further define the invention.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 2-4 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 2002-298402 ("Nakamura"). Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakamura in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0016597 to Haruguchi et al. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections of the claims as amended.

Independent claims 1, 2, and 7 have been amended to recite that the wires are fixed at portions that do not overlap with each other "as viewed from a direction orthogonal to an extending direction of the wires," (emphasis added). Applicants respectfully assert that no new matter has been entered at least because the feature is shown as 22a, 22b, and 22c in FIG. 2 of the present application.

Applicants respectfully submit that Nakamura fails to teach or suggest this feature as claimed. In particular, Applicants respectfully assert that FIGs. 6 and 8 of Nakamura merely discloses wires that are fixed at portions that are overlapping with each other as viewed from a direction orthogonal to an extending direction of the wires.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that the rejection of independent claims 2 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) should be withdrawn because Nakamura does not teach each feature of the claims. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully assert that the combination of Nakamura and Haruguchi et al. fail to overcome the deficiencies of Nakamura. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claim 1 should be withdrawn. For at least the above reasons, Applicants submit that independent claim 1, independent claim 2 and its dependent claims 3-4, and independent claim 7 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

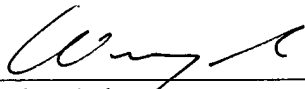
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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